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At 3:15 a.m. on 16 October, a north-bound train of about 50 cars with at least 10 prime movers, 8 guns, and about 500 men was observed passing through the railroad station of Sangerhausen. At 1 p.m. on 17 October, a train of about 50 cars with about 15 T-34 tanks

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4 tank trucks and 150 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through the Weimar railroad station toward Apolda. At 1:45 p.m., a train of about 50 cars loaded mainly with trucks proceeded from Erfurt toward Weimar. From 1 to 4 p.m. on 20 October, about 15 cars consigned to the Tannenberg Kaserne on Ettersturger Strasse were unloaded at the Weimar railroad station.

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In the morning on 22 October, about 350 men mainly wearing red-bordered black epaulets and partly black-bordered crimson and dark-blue-bordered black epaulets marched from the Weimar railroad station toward the Luetzendorf Kaserne.

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1. Comment. The trains still carried troops which returned from the maneuvers in Thuringia. The T-34 tanks presumably belong to the 21st Gds Mecz Div.

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